

# ST2 UPDATE

## Second Quarter Public Input

June 26, 2008

# Public Involvement Overview

- Open Houses
  - May 22 Lynnwood
  - May 28 Des Moines
  - June 3 Sumner
  - June 4 Seattle
  - June 5 Bellevue
  - June 10 Tacoma
  - June 11 Everett
- Website information
- Questionnaires
  - Web
  - Phone
- Mailed comments
- E-mailed comments
- Stakeholder and speakers bureau outreach

# Summary of Public Input

## Quantitative input

- Web questionnaire
- Recorded telephone questionnaire

## Qualitative input

- Open house comment forms
- Mail and e-mail
- Responses to Web questionnaire's open-ended question

# Quantitative Input

## Questionnaire results

- 6,077 responses
  - 5,661 Web participants
  - 416 phone participants
- Fielded May 14 through June 19
- Promoted via mailer and advertising

# Key Questionnaire Findings

- Respondents strongly support expanding mass transit
- After explaining two 12-year options at 0.4% and 0.5%, a plurality of respondents prefer the 0.5% option over the 0.4%
- Given a choice between a 20- and 12-year option, a plurality prefer 20
- Respondents prefer voting in 2008 by a wide margin



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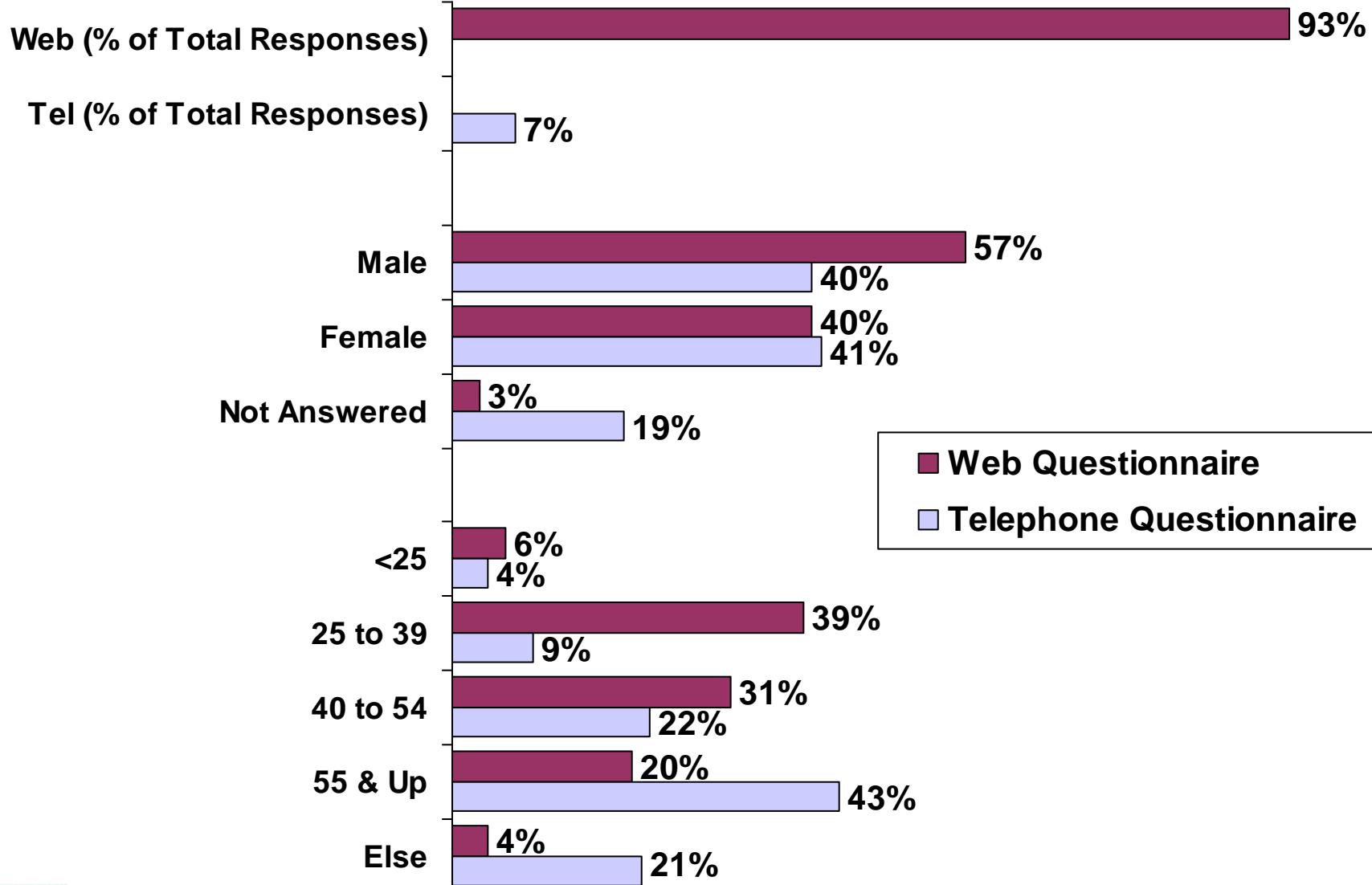
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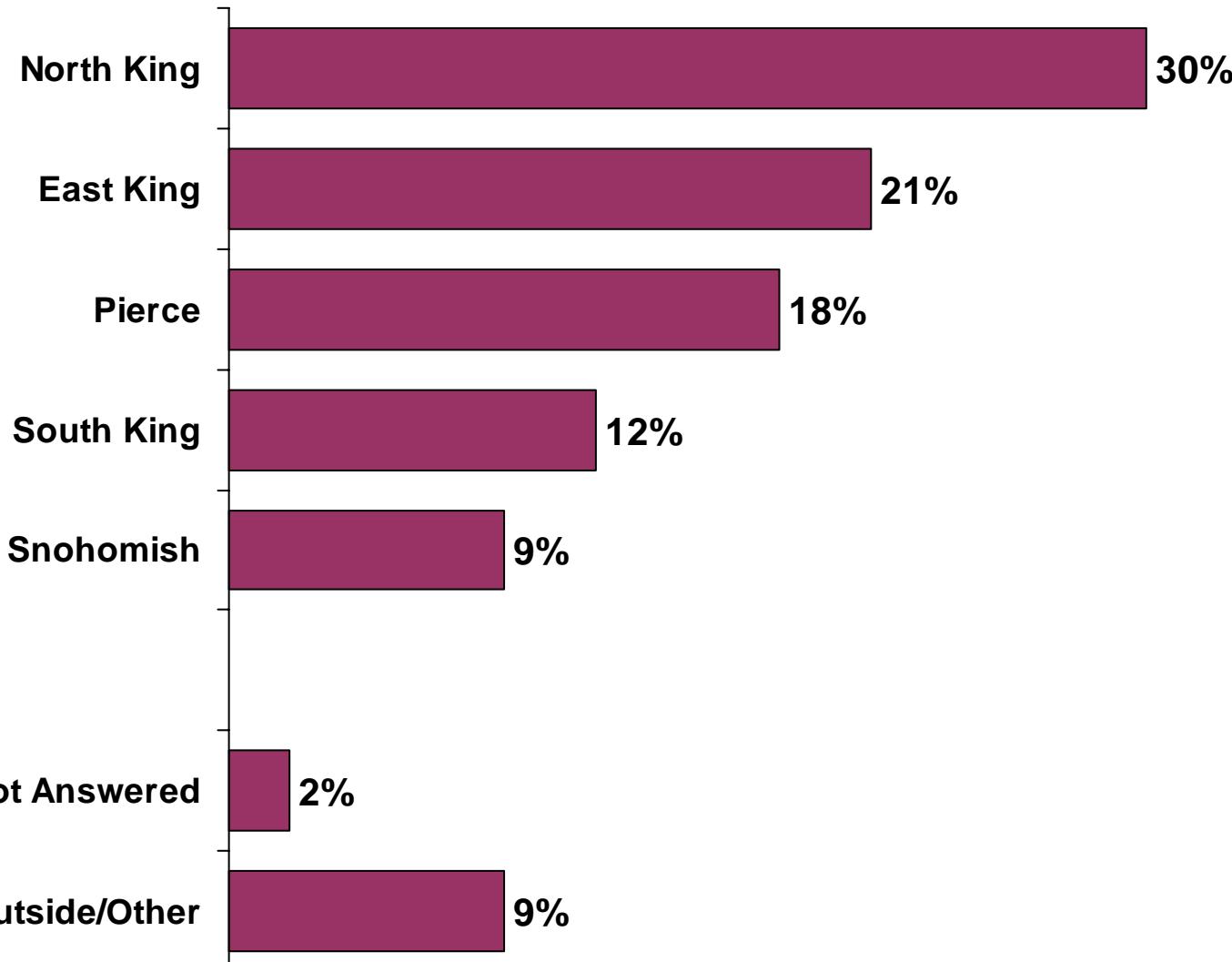


# Web & Telephone Questionnaire Results

# Demographics



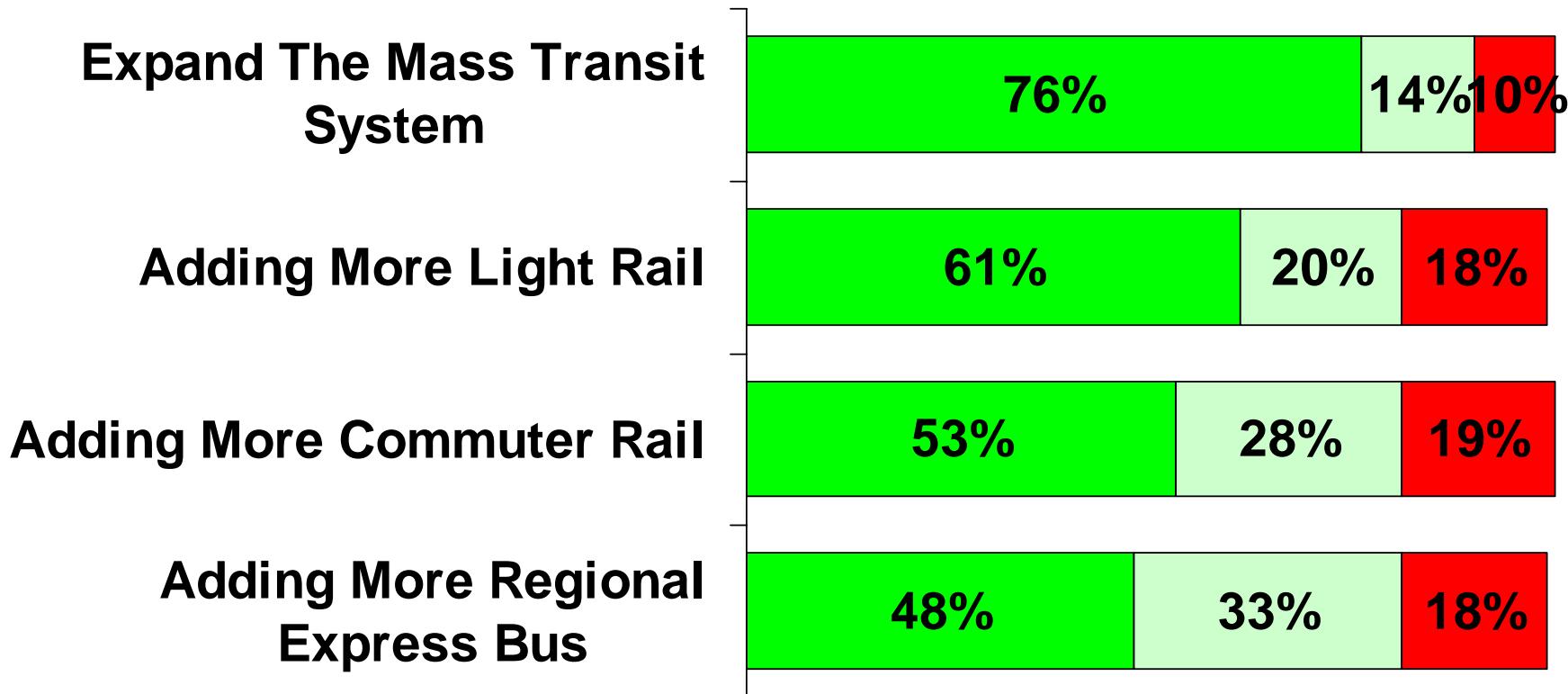
# Reported ST District (by entered zip)



# Expansion Option

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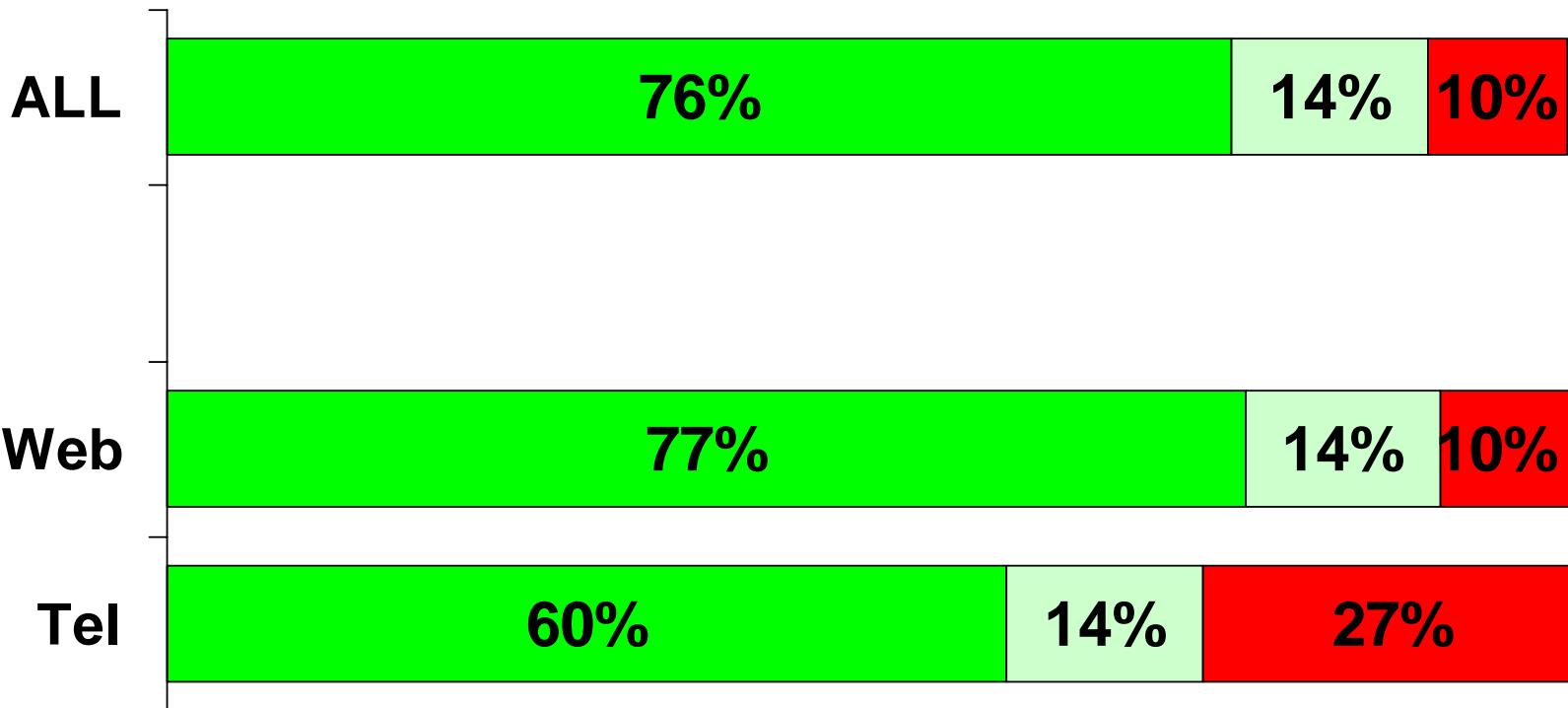
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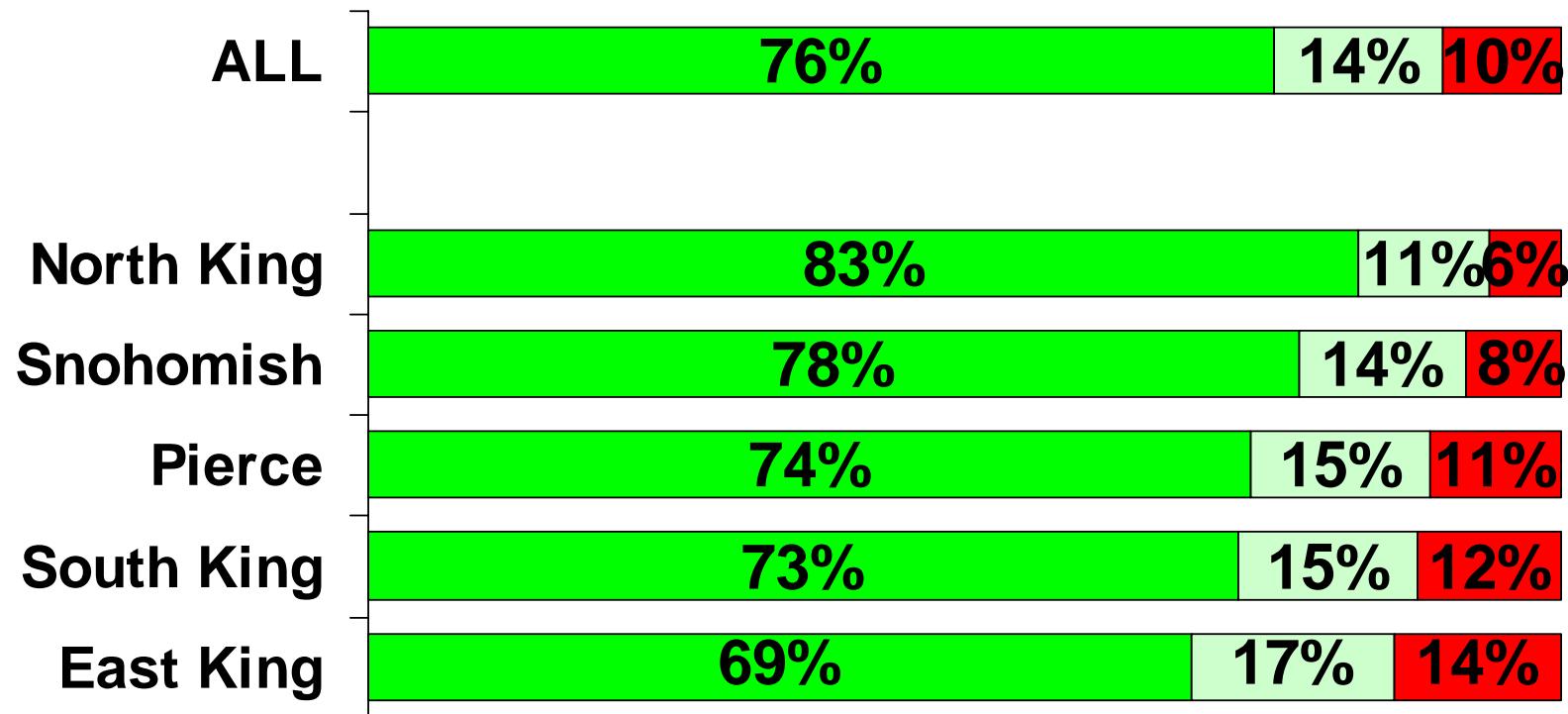
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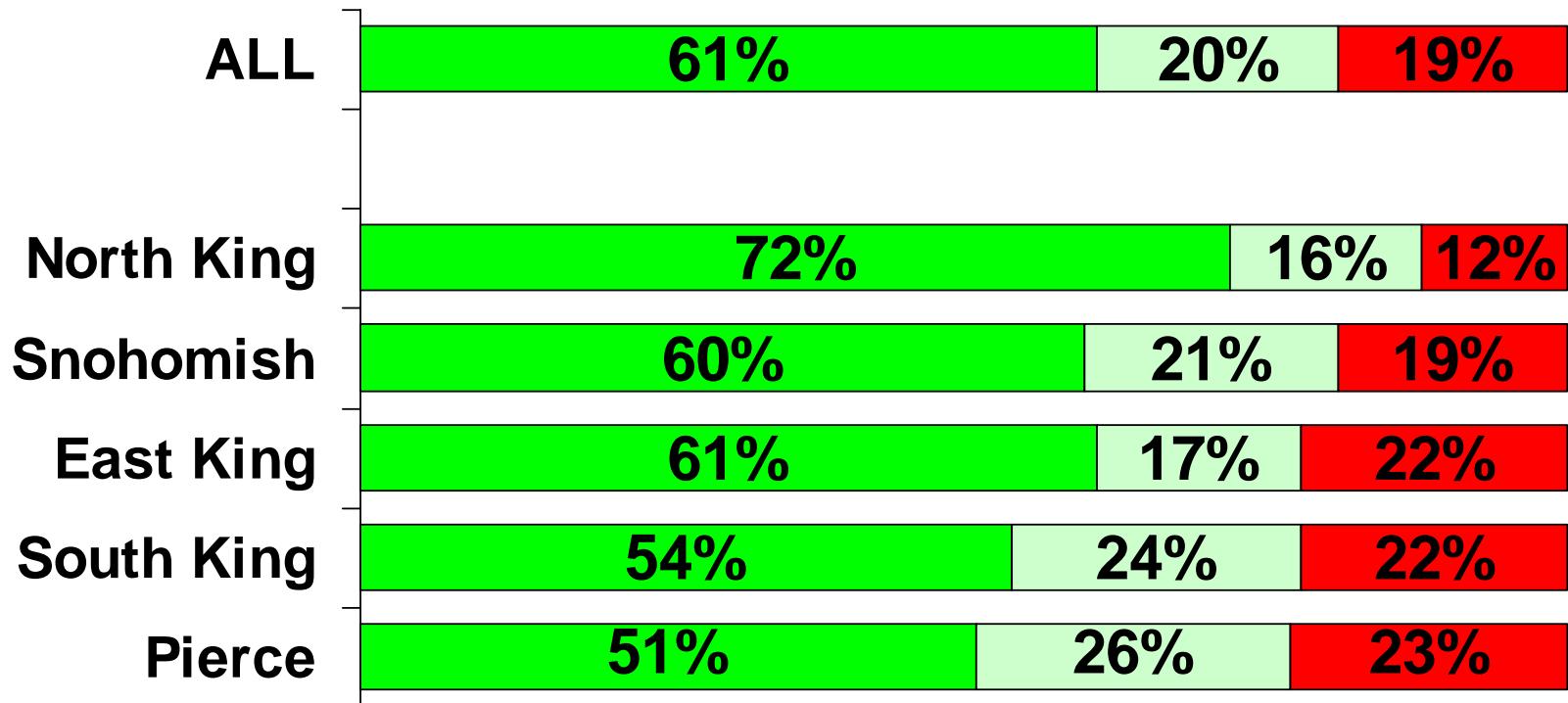
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# Add More Light Rail?

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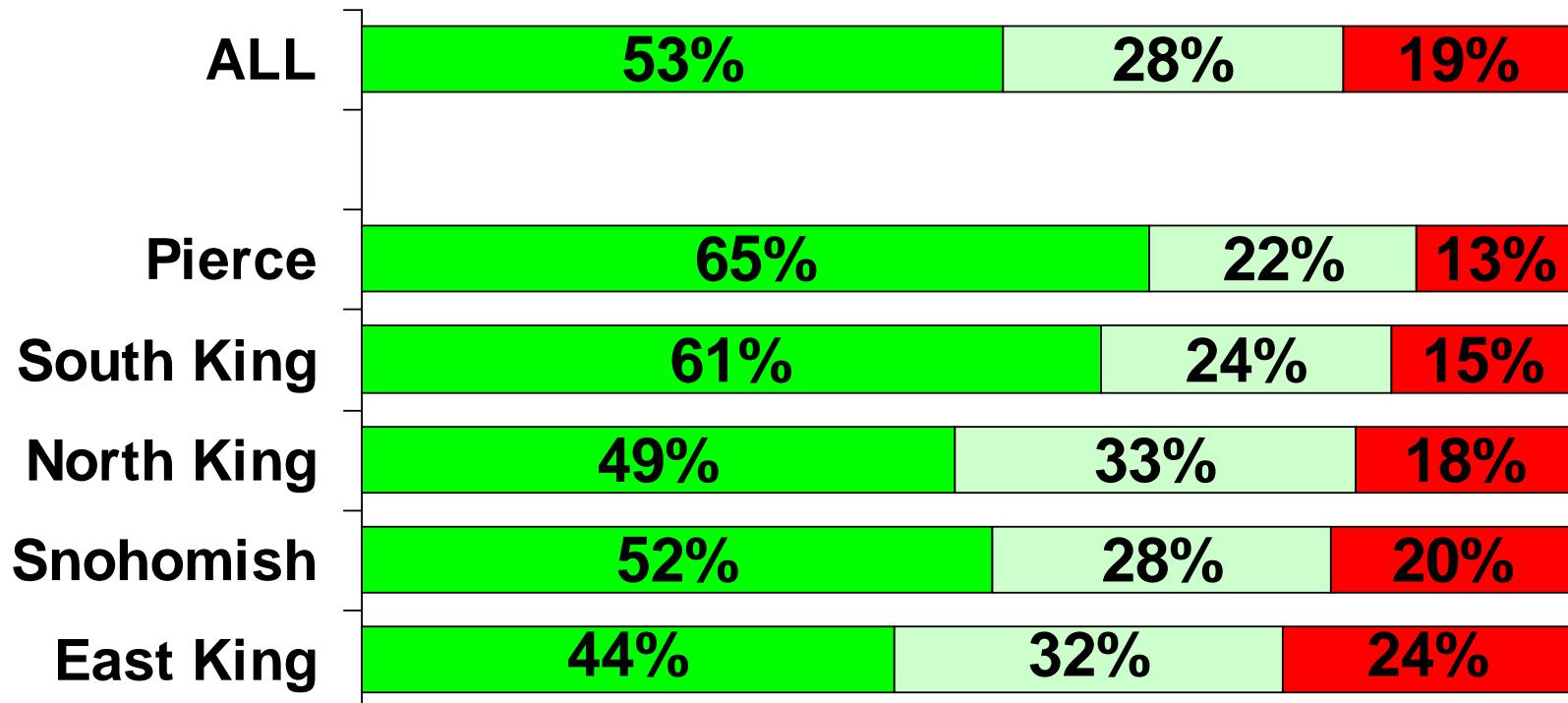
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# Add More Commuter Rail?

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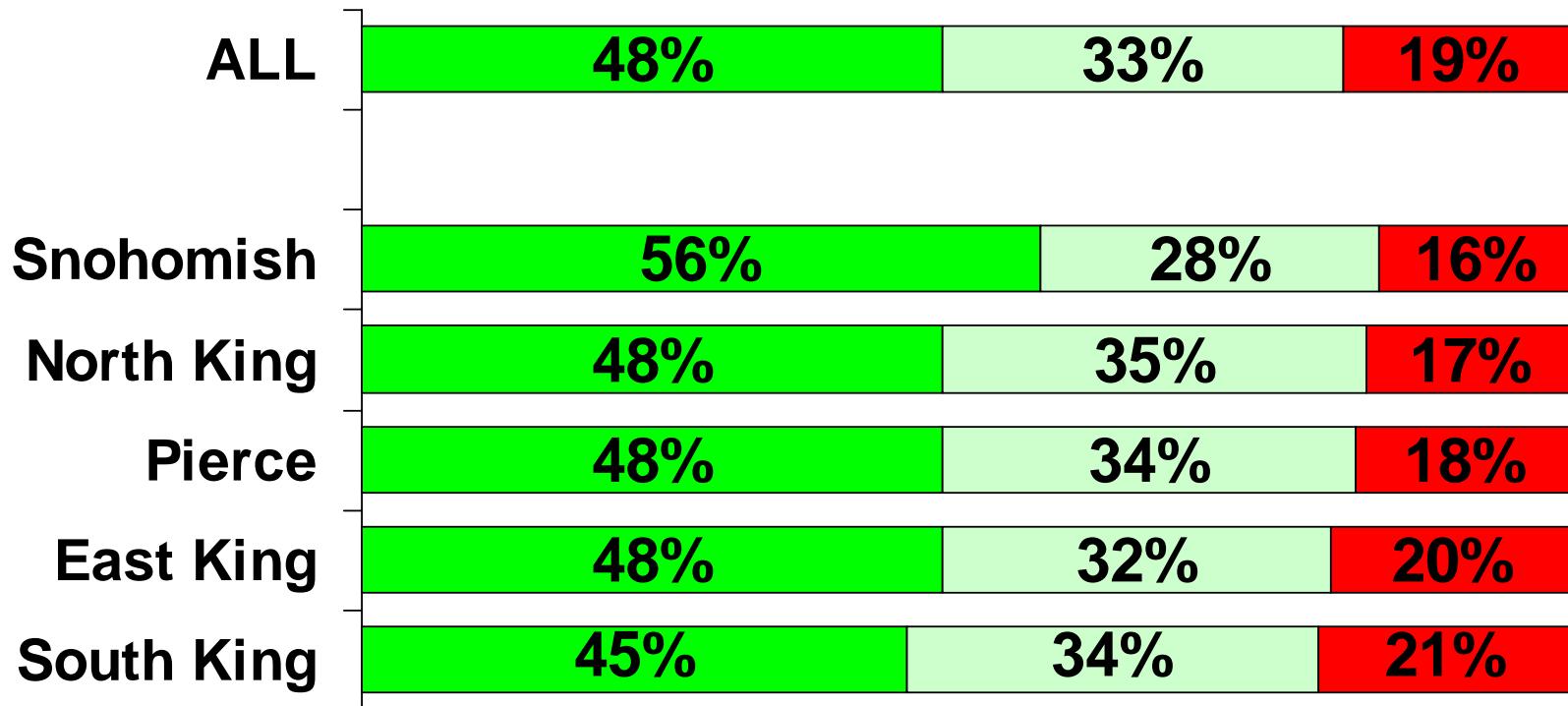
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# Add More Regional Express Bus?

What about adding more regional express bus service, with projects to help buses travel more quickly?

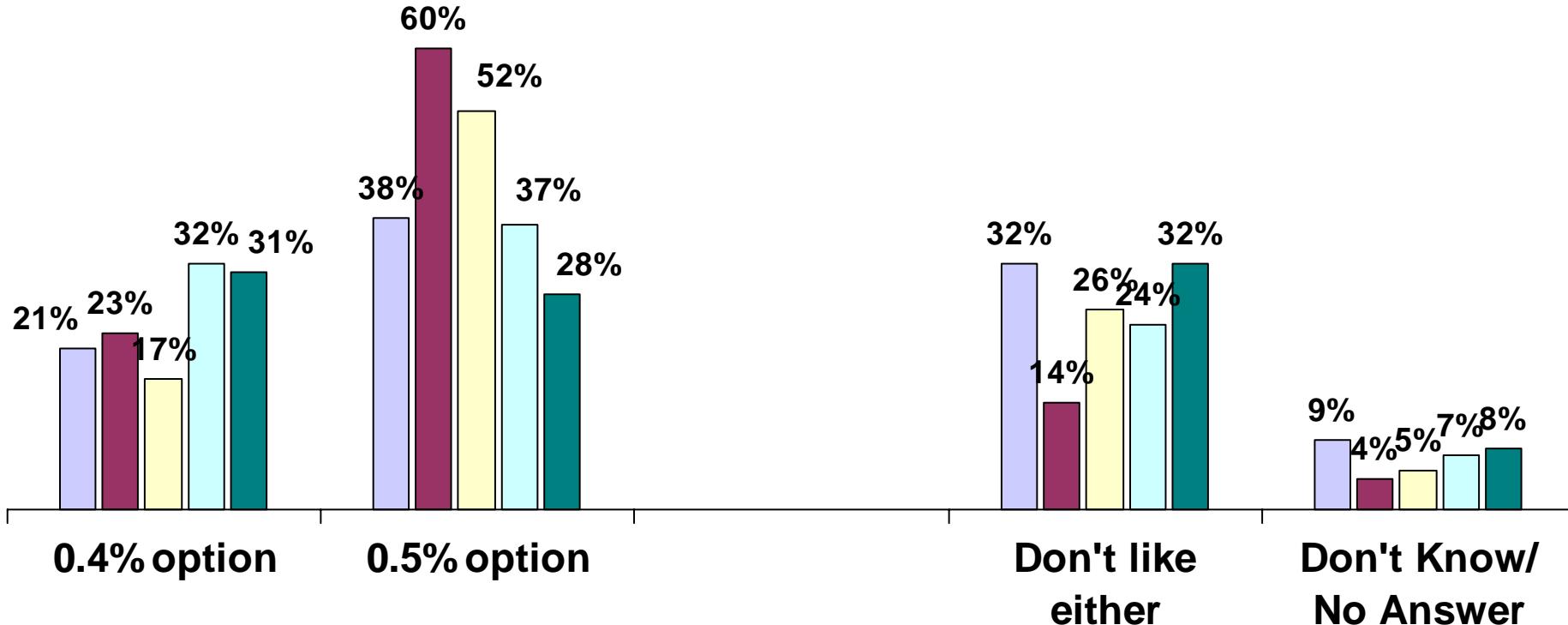
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# Preferred 12-Year Option

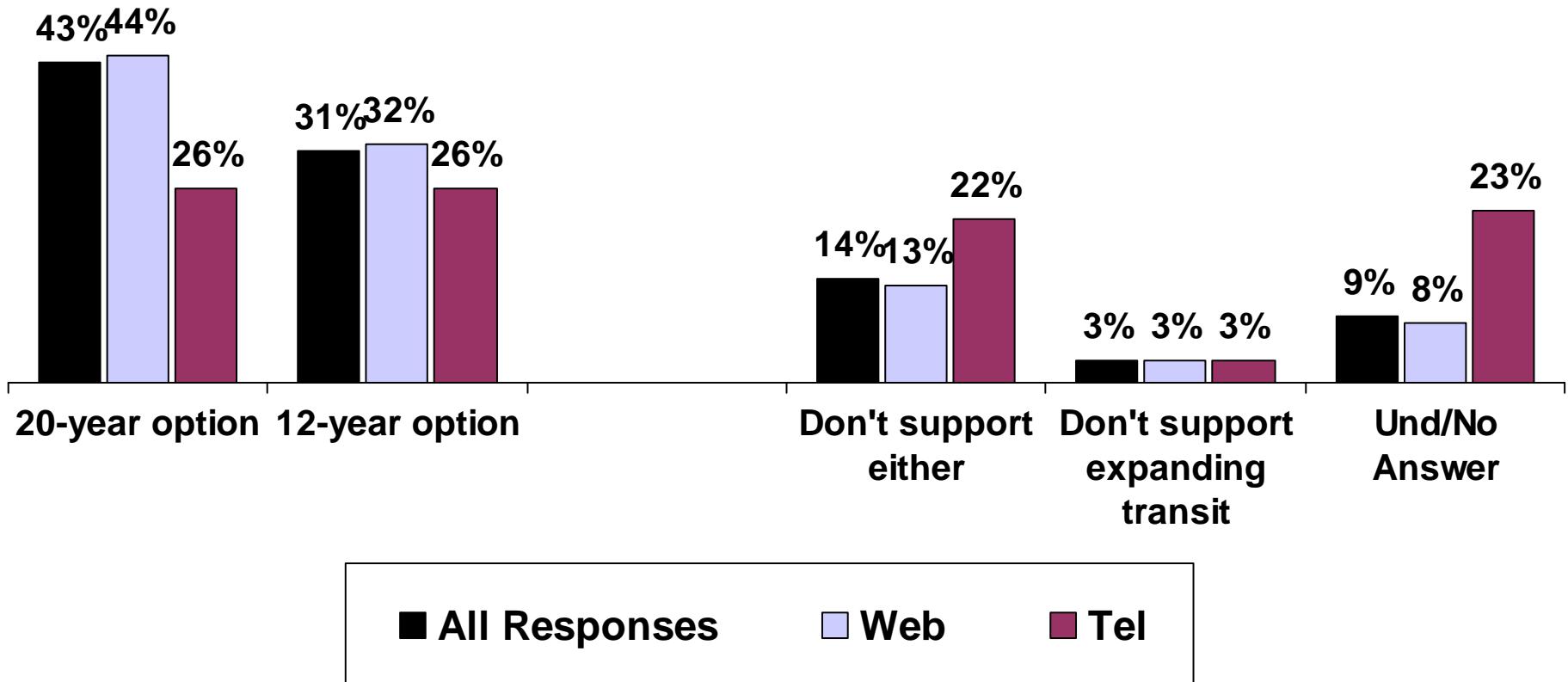
Of these two 12-year options, which do you prefer?

Snohomish     North King     East King     South King     Pierce



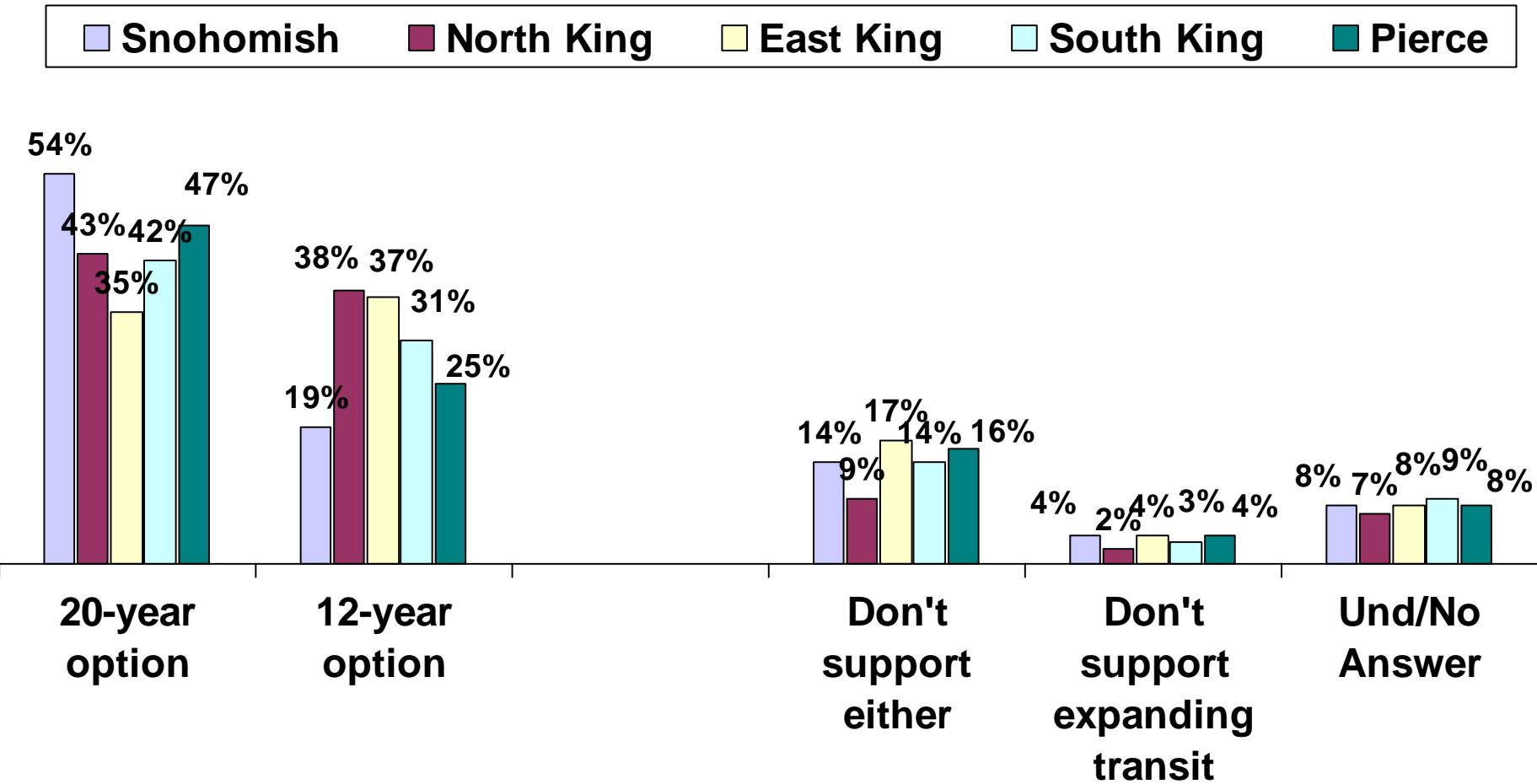
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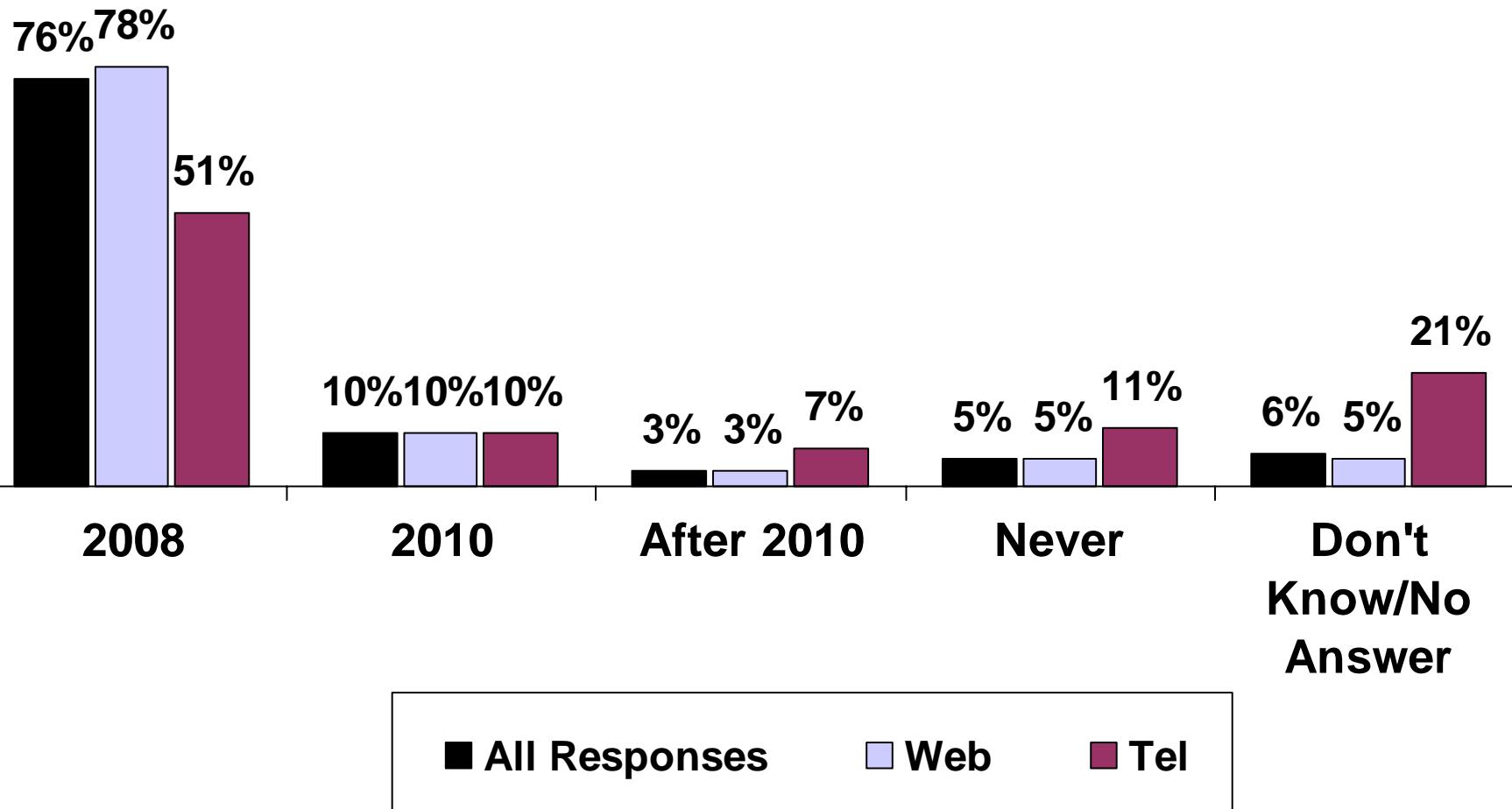
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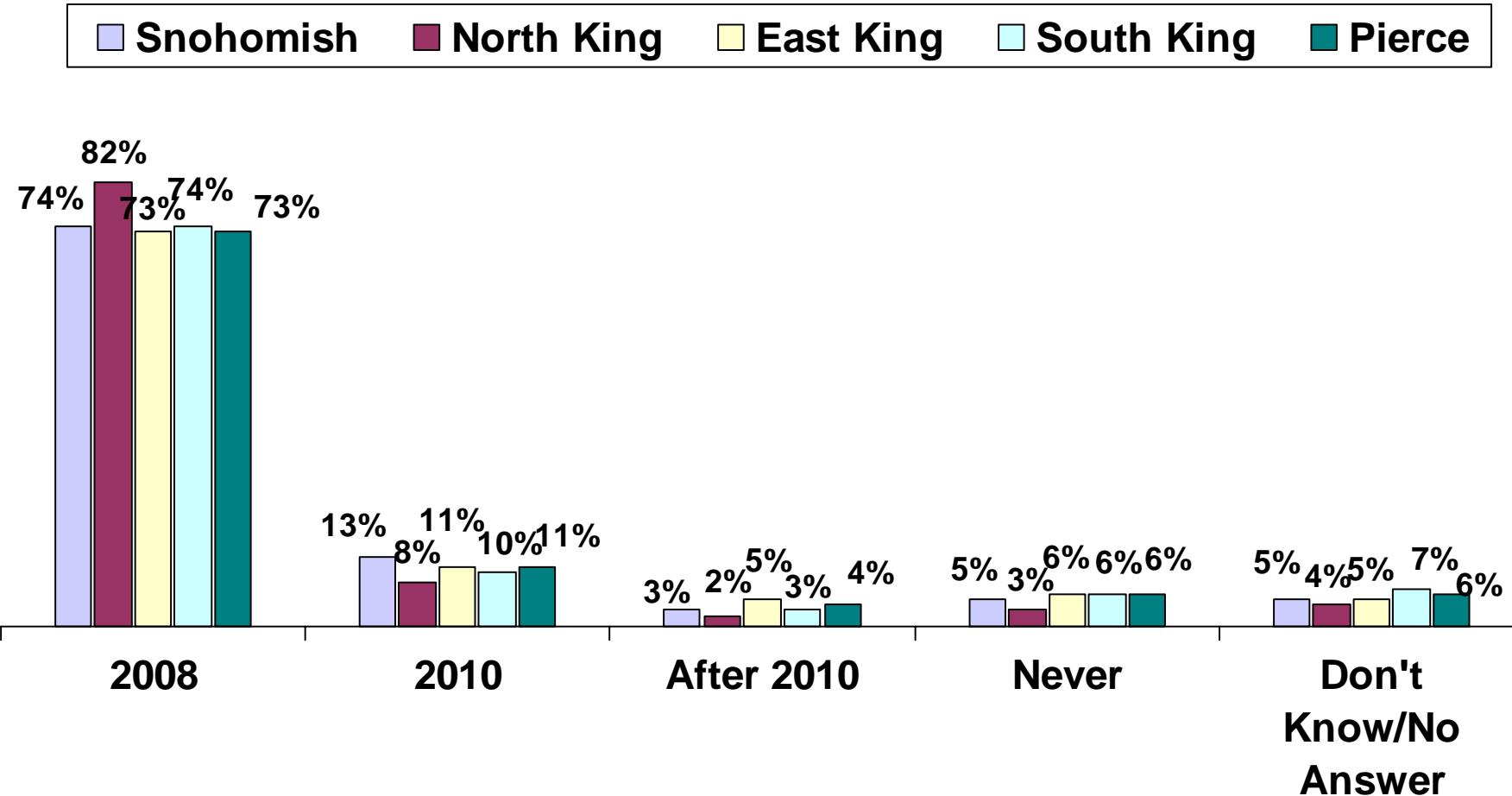
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# Qualitative Input

## Narrative comments

- 4,105 responses
  - 3,667 from Web questionnaire
  - 208 submitted at public meetings
  - 204 via e-mail
  - 26 transcribed from voicemail messages

# Overarching Themes

- Region needs more transit to respond to growth, existing congestion, rising gas prices
- 'Get something done'
  - Taking action now a pervasive theme
    - Less prevalent: voters should see light rail 'proof' (Link opening) before considering expansion vote
- Fuel costs spark urgency for action
  - *'Strike while the iron is hot'*

# Mode-specific Comments

- Most support light rail extension
  - Excitement about Link opening
  - Region needs rail to stay competitive
  - Fewer say light rail not right solution, prefer BRT
- Call for more Sounder, bus service
  - Parking concerns pervasive

# Concerns Voiced

- Areas outside Seattle need more investment
  - Need more east-west connections
  - Don't want to transfer in Seattle
- Reservations about funding source
  - 'Regressive' sales tax, taxes already too high

# Questions

